

tive position and stimulating sales of honey or honey products.

(19) **QUALIFIED NATIONAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING HANDLER INTERESTS.**—The term “qualified national organization representing handler interests” means an organization that the Secretary certifies as being eligible to recommend nominations for the Committee handler, handler-importer, alternate handler, and alternate handler-importer members of the Honey Board under section 4606(b) of this title.

(20) **QUALIFIED NATIONAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING IMPORTER INTERESTS.**—The term “qualified national organization representing importer interests” means an organization that the Secretary certifies as being eligible to recommend nominations for the Committee importer, handler-importer, alternate importer, and alternate handler-importer members of the Honey Board under section 4606(b) of this title.

(21) The term “research” means any type of research designed to advance the image, desirability, usage, marketability, production, or quality of honey or honey products.

(22) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(23) The term “State” means any of the several States, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(24) The term “State association” means that organization of beekeepers in a State which is generally recognized as representing the beekeepers of that State.

(Pub. L. 98–590, § 3, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3116; Pub. L. 101–624, title XIX, § 1982, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3904; Pub. L. 105–185, title VI, § 605(b), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 588.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pars. (1) to (5). Pub. L. 105–185, § 605(b)(3), redesignated pars. (14), (12), (19), (18), and (7) as (1) to (5), respectively. Former pars. (1) to (5) redesignated (7), (10), (22), (15), and (16), respectively.

Par. (7). Pub. L. 105–185, § 605(b)(3), redesignated par. (1) as (7). Former par. (7) redesignated (5).

Pub. L. 105–185, § 605(b)(1), added par. (7) and struck out former par. (7) which read as follows: “The term ‘handle’ means to sell, package, or process honey.”

Pars. (8) to (12). Pub. L. 105–185, § 605(b)(3), redesignated pars. (15), (20), (2), (8), and (21) as (8) to (12), respectively. Former pars. (8) to (12) redesignated (11), (17), (18), (21), and (2), respectively.

Pars. (14) to (18). Pub. L. 105–185, § 605(b)(3), redesignated pars. (22), (4), (5), (9), and (10) as (14) to (18), respectively. Former pars. (14) to (18) redesignated (1), (8), (24), (23), and (4), respectively.

Pars. (19) to (24). Pub. L. 105–185, § 605(b)(3), redesignated pars. (23), (24), (11), (3), (17), and (16) as (19) to (24), respectively. Former pars. (19) to (24) redesignated (3), (9), (12), (14), (19), and (20), respectively.

Pub. L. 105–185, § 605(b)(2), added pars. (19) to (24).

1990—Par. (8). Pub. L. 101–624, § 1982(1), substituted “or acts” for “or who acts”, and inserted before period at end “and who is listed in the import records as the importer of record for such honey or honey products”.

Par. (18). Pub. L. 101–624, § 1982(2), added par. (18).

§ 4603. Honey research, promotion, and consumer information order

To effectuate the declared policy of this chapter, the Secretary shall, subject to the provisions of this chapter, issue and, from time to

time, amend orders and regulations applicable to persons engaged in the production, sale, or handling of honey and honey products in the United States and the importation of honey and honey products into the United States.

(Pub. L. 98–590, § 4, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3116; Pub. L. 105–185, title VI, § 605(c), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 589.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105–185 inserted “and regulations” after “orders”.

CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO ORDER

Pub. L. 101–624, title XIX, § 1987, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3908, provided that: “Notwithstanding any provision of the Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.), the Secretary of Agriculture, after notice and opportunity for public comment, shall issue an amendment to the order in effect under such Act on the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 28, 1990] to conform such order to the amendments made by this subtitle [subtitle F (§§ 1981–1989) of title XIX of Pub. L. 101–624, enacting section 4610a of this title and amending sections 1787, 4602, 4606, 4608, and 4612 of this title], which shall become effective on the date of the publication of such amendment to the order in the Federal Register without a referendum thereon (except for the referendum specifically provided for under section 1985 [amending section 4612 of this title]). The Secretary shall issue such amendment to the order in final form not later than 150 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.”

§ 4604. Notice and hearing

(a) Notice and comment

In issuing an order under this chapter, an amendment to an order, or a regulation to carry out this chapter, the Secretary shall comply with section 553 of title 5.

(b) Formal agency action

Sections 556 and 557 of that title shall not apply with respect to the issuance of an order, an amendment to an order, or a regulation under this chapter.

(c) Proposal of an order

A proposal for an order may be submitted to the Secretary by any organization or interested person affected by this chapter.

(Pub. L. 98–590, § 5, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3117; Pub. L. 105–185, title VI, § 605(d), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 589.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105–185 reenacted section catchline without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Whenever the Secretary has reason to believe that the issuance of an order will assist in carrying out the purpose of this chapter, the Secretary shall provide due notice of and opportunity for a hearing upon a proposed order. Such hearing may be requested and a proposal for an order submitted by any organization or interested person affected by the provisions of this chapter.”

§ 4605. Findings and issuance of order

After notice and opportunity for comment has been provided in accordance with section 4604(a) of this title, the Secretary shall issue an order, an amendment to an order, or a regulation